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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- JULY 30

1. CSCE. ARRIVAL OF SOVIET DELEGATION IN HELSINKI IS FRONT-PAGED IN ALL CENTRAL PRESS. MORNING PAPERS REPORT BREZHNEV MEETINGS WITH KEKKONEN, HONECKER, AND TITO. COMMENTATORS (BOVIN FOR IZVESTIYA, ZHUKOV FOR PRAVDA) AGAIN DWELL ON DIPLOMATIC HISTORY OF CSCE EFFORT, STRESS SOVIET AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES COMMITMENT TO ITS SUCCESS. BOVIN EMPHASIZES SUCCESS OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY, BUT NOTES THAT CSCE HAS NOT SOLVED ALL PROBLEMS ON RELATIONS IN EUROPE, AND WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE. ZHUKOV CASTIGATES THOSE WHO EXPRESS DOUBTS ON SUMMIT, SAYS THEY ARE "ATTEMPTING TO PLACE IN DOUBT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESULTING DOCUMENTS." ZHUKOV ALSO ATTACKS "RAVING COMMENTARIES" ON CSCE BY HSINHUA. SENATOR KENNEDY'S SENATE SPEECH CALLING THE HELSINKI SUMMIT THE END TO MANY PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM WORLD WAR II IS CARRIED AS THE 7.S. REACTION.

2. PRESIDENTIAL TRIP. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM WARSAW JOINT STATEMENTS; PORTIONS REPORTED INCLUDE CSCE, MBFR, U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AND U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS. PRAVDA REPORTS PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM WARSAW TO HELSINKI.

3. U.S.-SOVIET. PRAVDA ANNOUNCES WITHOUT COMMENT REGULAR SALT SESSION IN GENEVA JULY 29. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT ON HEALTH OF APOLLO ASTRONAUTS, EXPLAIN WHAT LED TO ACCIDENTAL GASSING. IZVESTIYA'S SOLE PICTURE IN INTERNATIONAL SECTION IS OF OWEN QUINN (PHONETIC), SKYDIVER WHO JUMPED FROM TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK TO "DRAW ATTENTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY TO THE GREAT NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN THE COUNTRY." LITGAZ CARRIES COMMENTARY ON APOLLO-SOYUZ EMPHASIZING GENERALLY FAVORABLE U.S. REACTION THOUGH CRITICIZING CONGRESSMAN BAUMAN FOR EXPRESSING DOUBTS ON USEFULNESS OF PROJECT. LITGAZ ALSO CARRIES LENGTH INTERVIEW BY ITS LONDON CORRESPONDENT WITH PHILIP AGEE, EX-CIA AGENT. MAIN THRUST OF PIECE IS THAT AGEE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PUBLISH HIS EXPOSE' IN THE U.S.

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4. TURKEY. PRAVDA CARRIES A REPORT BY ISTANBUL CORRESPONDENT VASIL'YEV THAT U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES HAVE CEASED ON BASES IN TURKEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST. VASIL'YEV NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICAN PERSONNEL REMAIN AND REPORTS THAT THE TURKISH PRESS BELIEVES "GOVERNMENT CIRCLES" ARE HOPING FOR A COMPROMISE WITH WASHINGTON.

5. AFRICA. SIAD BARRE'S CHARGE THAT THE "PROVOCATIVE
IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN" OVER SOVIET FACILITIES
AT BERBERA IS AIMED AT JUSTIFYING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
NEW BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN RECEIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE.
A SEPARATE TASS ITEM REPORTS THE SENATE'S APPROVAL OF
DIEGO GARCIA FUNDS BY "AN INSIGNIFICANT MAJORITY."

6. VIETNAM. IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY AND TV COVERAGE
DESCRIBE ALLEGED PRG'S SUCCESSES IN OVERCOMING THE
PROBLEMS OF RUNNING SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE FIRST TWO
AND ONE HALF MONTHS SINCE "LIBERATION".
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